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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Inventor: Yasunari KIMURA et al. Group Art Unit: 3621

Appln. No.: 09/631,301 Examiner: D. Q. Le

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For: INDIVIDUAL AUTHENTICATION METHOD, INDIVIDUAL
AUTHENTICATION APPARATUS, ACCOUNTING METHOD,
ACCOUNTING APPARATUS

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 22, 2005, the Applicants hereby request reconsideration and allowance of this application based on the following points.

Claims 11-14 are being examined, and claims 17-26 are withdrawn from consideration as directed to non-elected subject matter.

Claims 11-14 remain rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as allegedly anticipated by Creswell et al. The Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

The final office action proposes that col. 4, line 11 et seq. of Creswell discloses (1) a second password or a second identifier corresponding to the subscriber's PIN, (2) a second identifier used